## **Isoniazid TB preventive therapy**

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### **Overview**

- Epidemiology
- Efficacy
- Effectiveness & cost-effectiveness
- Special issues
- TB control

#### **Burden of TB / HIV infection**

#### TB infection

- Globally 1/3 infected
- Asia (46%)
- Africa (31%)
- South Africa (42%)

#### TB / HIV co-infection

- Africa (2.7%)
- South Africa (8.3% ~ 2 Million people)

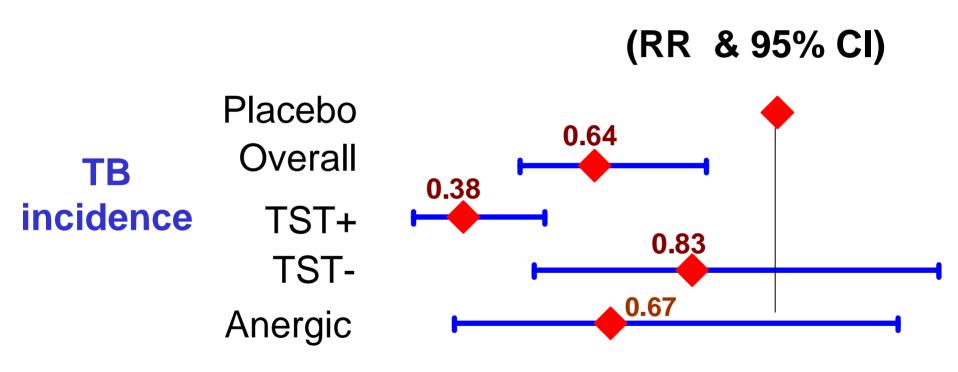
### **TB risk & duration of HIV infection**

	ТВ	Rate	Unadjusted RR	Adjusted RR
HIV -	289	0.80	1	1
HIV +				
0-1 yr	30	1.6	2.0	2.1 (1.5-3.1)
1-2 yr	29	2.0	2.5	2.3 (1.5-3.3)
2-3 yr	37	3.6	4.5	3.5 (2.4-4.9)
3-4 yr	24	3.5	4.3	2.9 (1.9-4.5)
>4 yrs	18	3.0	4.0	2.6 (1.6-4.2)
P trend			0.001	0.09

Adjusted for age and calendar period

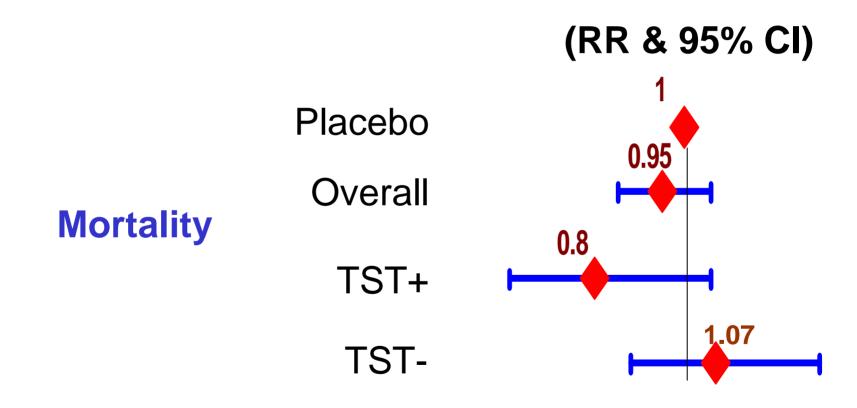
(Sonnenberg P. JID 2005)

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## Multi-drug TB preventive therapy regimens

Efficacy compared to INH

TB incidence rate ratio (RR)

• INH (13)	RR = 0.67
• INH + RIF (2)	RR = 0.41
<ul><li>RIF + PZA (4)</li></ul>	RR = 0.54
• INH, RIF + PZA (1)	RR = 0.48

 Increased side effects resulting in discontinuation

### **Duration of protection**

 Initial protective effect may decline over the short to medium term

 Rifampicin based regimens may have a more durable effect

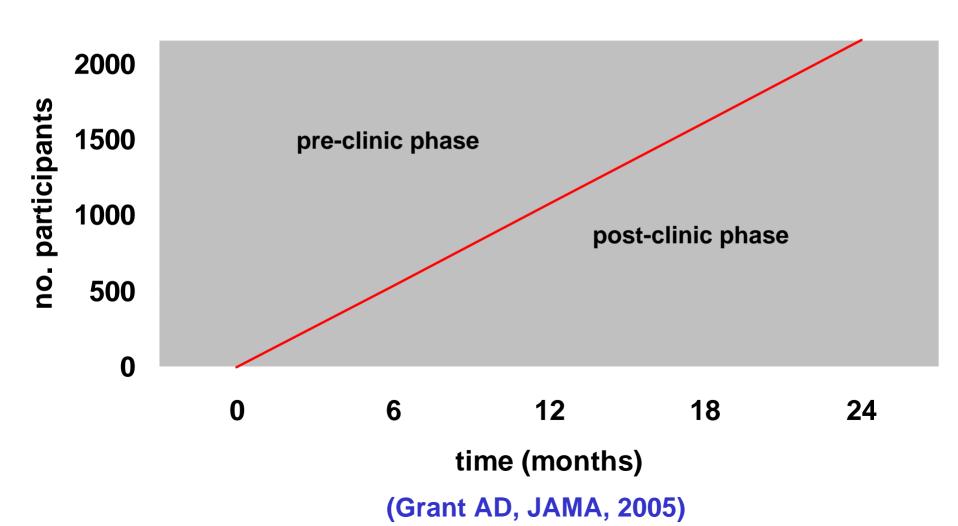
 Durability may vary with duration of IPT

#### **Adherence**

Ranges from 3% - 69%

- Higher adherence with
  - Modified DOTS
  - Inclusion of TST
  - Shorter regimens

#### Effectiveness of IPT in a routine clinic



## TB prevalence at clinic entry

Overall

5.3%

CD4 category

– <200 cells/μl

12%

->200 cells/μl

3.8%

#### **Effectiveness**

IR (per 100 pyrs)
Pre-clinic Post-clinic

**IRR (95%CI)** 

All TB episodes

11.8

9.0

0.68 (0.48-0.96)

Adjusted for time

11.9

9.0

0.62 (0.43-0.89)

Period

No previous TB

10.9

8.4

0.54 (0.35-0.83).

(Grant AD, JAMA, 2005)

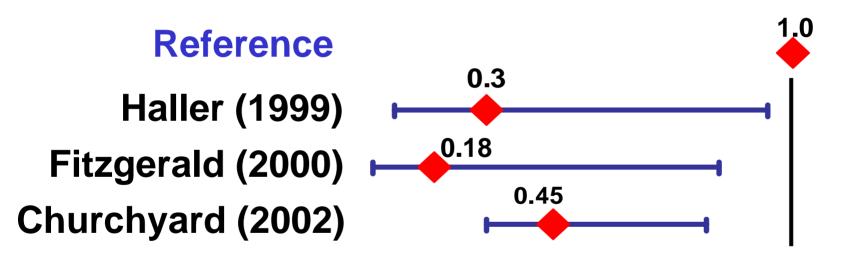
#### **Cost effectiveness**

- Costed retrospectively from the providers perspective
- Actual (total) patient costs used
- Costs expressed in 2001 US Dollars
- Cost per TB case averted \$388
- Average cost per TB case treated \$1736

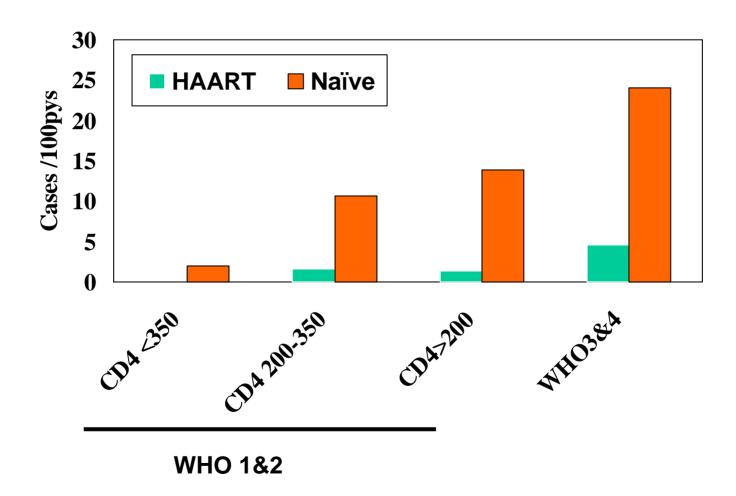
(Kumaranayake L, XV International AIDS Conference, 2004)

## Efficacy of secondary preventive therapy among HIV+ individuals

(Incidence Rate Ratios & 95% CI)



#### **ART & TB incidence**



(Badri, Lancet. 2002)

#### SPECIAL ARTICLE

#### Priorities for the Treatment of Latent Tuberculosis Infection in the United States

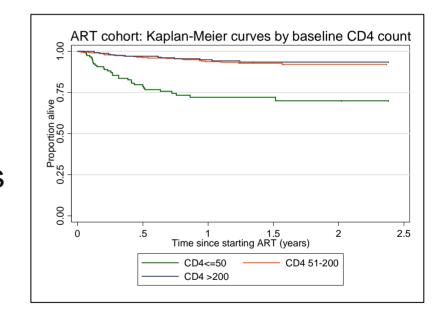
C. Robert Horsburgh, Jr., M.D.

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However, the risk of tuberculosis among persons receiving effective antiretroviral therapy is still twice that of persons without HIV infection, and the failure of antiretroviral therapy results in reversion to the higher level of risk. Therefore, treatment of latent tuberculosis infection is warranted for all HIV-infected persons with a positive tuberculin skin test.

### **ART, IPT & Mortality**

- Observational cohort study among gold miners
- Individuals starting ART who received INH (previous or current) had 52% reduction in mortality after adjustment for CD4 and previous TB



(Grant AD, HIV Pathogenesis & Treatment. 2005)

## **Screening for TB prior to PT**

 Symptom based questionnaire capable of excluding active TB

 Screening CXR not routinely required to exclude active TB in asymptomatics

(Mosimaneotsile B, Lancet. 2003)

## **Screening for TB prior to PT**

#### Ongoing CDC sponsored IPT trial in Botswana

 Among asymptomatic HIV-infected Botswanan's screened for TB, 38% had an abnormal chest X-ray

#### Personal communication: Dr C Wells, CDC

- X-ray changes mostly compatible with TB
- The apparent change in the usefulness of the Chest Xray thought to be due to progression of the HIV epidemic to a more advanced stage

(Mosimaneotsile B. Int J Tuberc Lung Dis 2005;9:S198)

## Effectiveness of TB screening methods

	Sensitivity (%)	Specificity (%)
Symptoms	51.7	75.0
Symptoms/CXR	93.1	49.7

(Day J, Int J Tubercl Lung Dis, In press)

## **IPT & drug resistance**

- Systematic review of published data since 1951
- 13 studies, On IPT = 18095, controls = 17,985
- Summary RR of resistance
  - 1.45 (95% CI 0.85 2.47)
- Results similar when stratified by HIV
- findings do not exclude an increased risk of isoniazid-resistant TB after IPT
- Surveillance for isoniazid resistance is required

(Balcells ME, Emerging Infectious Diseases, 2006, In press)

### Preventive therapy & drug resistance

 Use of IPT in settings with high background isoniazid resistance uncertain

 Rifampicin monotherapy effective in treating INH resistant TB infection. Not recommended

### **Hepatitis**

- Hepatitis is a serious side effect that may result in death if isoniazid is not withdrawn soon after symptoms of hepatitis occurs
- rates of hepatitis: 0.1% 6.4%
- Death: 0 58 per 100,000 persons treated
- Risk factors
  - Age
  - Alcohol use
  - -RZ

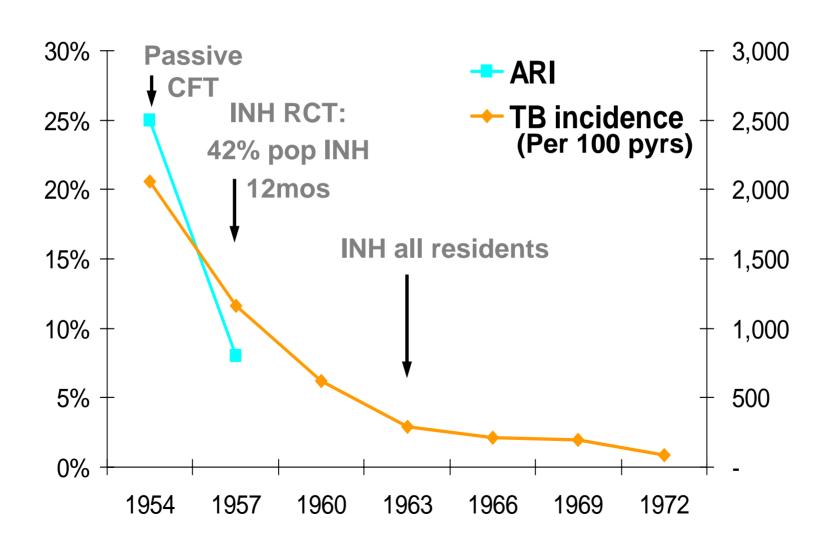
#### **Children**

- PT advised for infants and children <5 years exposed to S+ adults
- HIV+ children infected with TB are at high risk of developing TB, particularly severe forms of TB
- TB diagnosis in children is difficult → missed active
   TB
- TB incidence and mortality halved among HIVinfected children treated with IPT (Zar H, eJIAS, 2004)

## **Pregnancy**

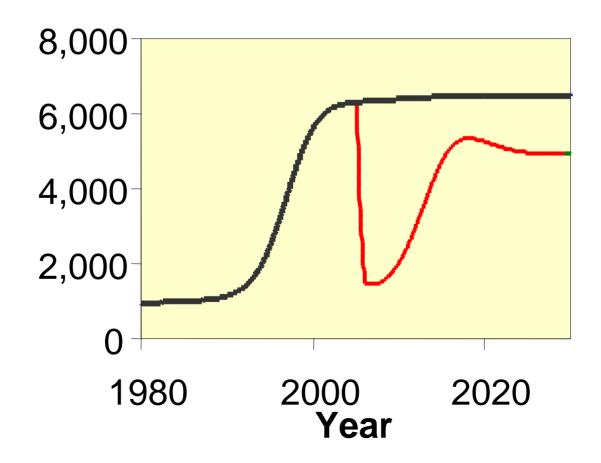
- HIV+ TB causes 10% of maternal deaths in Africa
- Prevalence of active TB in HIV+ pregnant women high
- Spontaneous abortion and obstetric morbidity increased with TB
- Active TB in pregnancy associated with adverse perinatal outcome
- IPT associated with non significant 2.5-fold increase in the risk of hepatitis and 4-fold increase in mortality rate
- PMTCT is a realistic entry point for integrated TB/HIV care and prevention
- Preventing TB in the mother may reduce the risk of TB in infants born to HIV-infected mothers

## **Community-wide IPT Bethel district, Alaska**



## Community-wide isoniazid preventive therapy

Mass PT then Continuous PT(TB incidence per 100,000 population)



#### **Conclusion**

- IPT cost-effective but underutilized
- Safe
- Added benefit of concomitant IPT to ART
- Surveillance for INH resistance required
- IPT may have a role in TB control